



MONTEREY NEWS

JUNE 1990



TOWN NEWS

Town Meeting 1990

The Monterey Town Meeting and elections were held on Saturday, May 5, at 10:00 a.m. with approximately 175 citizens attending and 226 people voting. Superintendent of Schools Thomas Consolati was allowed to address the voters on Article 19 on the warrant at the beginning of the meeting. Article 19 was a proposal to increase the amount the Town will contribute to the school budget since the state has reduced aid by 10%. Mr. Consolati explained that even though the total budget has increased, the percentage of the total for Monterey has decreased; however, the real dollar amount will increase. The article passed with little discussion.

The Town heard requests for the budget for fiscal year 1991, which included salaries, funds for various commissions and committees, and public safety. On every discussion the citizens voted in favor of the request made by the recipient of the funds over the recommendations of the Finance Committee and Selectmen.

Article 11, which requested \$3,300.00 for license and software expenses for the Town was amended to half the requested amount, \$1,150.00, by Town Secretary Maryellen Brown. During discussion of the article, it was found that while the company (Patriot) sold the Town the computer system in July 1989, the system was not installed in the Town Hall until December 1989 and was not fully functioning until February 1990. It was believed by the voters that the Town has at least five months remaining from the original payment, so the voters refused the additional funds.

On Article 14 Selectman Georgiana O'Connell amended the fund request from \$15,000 to \$5,000 for the purpose of removing logs from the Konkapot River in order to preserve River Road. Mrs. O'Connell explained that the work would cost less than anticipated and emphasized that it was necessary if people wanted to be able to use the road. River Road is endangered by the Konkapot River's eroding and undermining the road, and school buses are prohibited from using it.

Planning Board Chairman Joe Baker outlined the Stream and Pond Protection Proposal (Article 18) by showing citizens a map of the streams and ponds in Monterey that were designated for protection. He cited the long-range planning recommendations made by the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission. Dean Amidon, who was an engineer for the state of Massachusetts, and had attended a meeting of the Association of Environmental Scientists, was one of the first voters to support the Planning Board proposal. Jed Lipsky, Rick

Mielke and Dek Tillett, who had questioned the validity of the proposal at the previous Town Meeting, were satisfied that the Planning Board had "done their homework" and supported the proposal. The Town voted unanimously in favor of the Stream and Pond Protection bylaw.

For the second year, the Town was asked to vote on dog licensing and restraint proposals (Articles 26 and 27). Voters approved the dog licensing and rabies vaccination bylaw. There was discussion concerning the definition of dog "restraint" and the article was amended to read that dogs must be "under the owner's control." The vote was the only one of the day that needed to be counted, with 54 voters in favor of dog restraint and 28 opposed.

Voter and Helper, May 5, 1990



Selectmen's Meetings

The Board of Selectmen began the May 7 meeting by welcoming newly elected Selectman William Bohn. It was moved by Selectman Matt Williams, seconded by Selectman William Bohn and unanimously voted that Georgiana O'Connell serve as chair of the Board of Selectmen until May 1991. Mrs. O'Connell is the first woman chairperson of the Board of Selectmen in the history of Monterey. It was also unanimously voted that Selectman Matt Williams continue to serve as chair of the Board of Health until May 1991, and that Georgiana O'Connell be appointed chair of the Roads and Machinery Committee.

The Board met with the Computer Review Committee at 7:00 p.m. on May 14 to review the charter outlining the objectives, responsibilities and authority of the Committee. The Computer Review Committee cited its objectives as designing, recommending and controlling a computer system for the Town of Monterey, as well as developing an integrated system that all designated Town officials can access. All future purchases and expenditures will be reviewed by the Committee, which will then report to the Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen met with Dale Lyman to discuss his application for appointment as a Special Police Officer of the Town of Monterey. Despite Mr. Lyman's numerous awards and citations received while serving in the army, the Board voted unanimously that Mr. Lyman not be appointed to the Monterey Police Department.

Melinda Olds met with the Selectmen to request that a three-acre lot on Wellman Road which she is purchasing from Bob Thieriot be removed from Chapter 61A coverage. The Board approved the request.

The Board of Selectmen have arranged for two large dumpsters to be made available for residents to dispose of white goods (i.e., washing machines, refrigerators, etc.) and household goods properly. These dumpsters will be on site at the Town disposal area (the dump!) on June 30, July 1, July 4, and July 7 and 8. There will be a list of fees payable by residents to cover disposal costs.

The Selectmen have set the date of July 21 at 10:00 a.m. for a meeting with "Second Homeowners." Due to the success of last year's meeting (80 people attended), the meeting will not be held in the Town Hall. The Selectmen are inquiring into the use of the firehouse for the meeting.

The following building permit applications were approved: Peter Chait for an addition to his Buckingham Lane house; Lena Pedersen for the construction of an upstairs bathroom in her Kinne's Grove cottage; John and Diane Meakham, of Armonk, New York, for the construction of a new house on Route 23 across from Brett Road; Anna and Dale Duryea for the construction of a new house on Route 23; Jeffrey Rubin of New York, New York, for an addition to his Route 23 home; Elliot and Ethel Matusow of Fort Lee, New Jersey, for interior changes to their Hupi Road home. The Board met with Linda Marsh of South Egremont and approved a driveway permit application for her property located on Route 23. The Board of Health approved two well drilling permits for the same property. The Board also approved a well drilling permit for Charles Duvas of Great Barrington for his property located at the corner of Route 57 and Brook Lane, in care of Linda Marsh, contractor.

— Maggie Leonard

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Planning Board held its regular meeting on May 10 at 8:00 p.m., with all members attending, and began by swearing in new member Elk Dempsey, who was elected for a five-year term. Surveyor Mike Parsons, of Kelly, Granger and Parsons, presented a Form A proposal from Bob Thieriot. Mr. Thieriot has had 3.006 acres of land surveyed with 440 feet of frontage on Wellman Road to be sold to Brad Duhon and Melissa Olds. The Planning Board approved the plan, with Mr. Thieriot, who is a member of the Planning Board, abstaining due to conflict of interest.

The Board held elections, with Joe Baker unanimously voted chairman and Joyce Scheffey unanimously voted clerk. The Board discussed plans and ideas for printing the new bylaws, including a possible new larger format and inclusion of a map of Monterey.

Upon request from the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board is working on a more specific definition of "Lake Shore District" to facilitate planning and assessment work in the lake shore area. There is some confusion as to where the district begins and ends. Board members Bob Thieriot and Joe Baker volunteered to work on this project.

The bulk of the Planning Board meeting was devoted to discussing the way the Planning Board is perceived by the townspeople and how the Board might facilitate and encourage input from the citizens. Elk Dempsey feels strongly that there should be better communications with the town and suggested the possibility of a committee of citizens with which the Board could consult. Bob Thieriot pointed out that such a group had been formed about four years ago and had dwindled from lack of participation. In addition, Mr. Thieriot remembered that there was also a questionnaire put in the *Monterey News* by the Planning Board some years ago that went largely unanswered. Mr. Dempsey emphasized that for any democratic system to work, people must be involved. He also said that he would like to see the Board do more long-range planning. Chairman Joe Baker pointed out that the Board had been working on various long-range projects and cited the new Stream and Pond Protection bylaw that had just been passed at the Town Meeting. Chairman Baker also stated that he feels that the members of the Board have become better planners in response to past upheavals.

— Maggie Leonard



lice (left) and Ruffian



LICE SCHICK

It is a pleasure to be able to pass on a cherished activity into capable hands. Alice Schick, the new editor of the *Monterey News*, is a professional writer and editor. She has lived here for fifteen years with her husband, Joel, an illustrator and designer. Their son, Morgan, was born here twelve years ago and is a student at the Berkshire Country Day School.

Alice and Joel met when they were both students in psychology at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. After college they found that their skills and imagination worked best in free-lance publishing, with a specialty in children's books. They settled in New York City to be at one of the great centers of the publishing world but after driving through the Berkshires decided that this was where they wanted to live. They had to be within reach of New York, and so they began looking for a house in South County. One day, after viewing a possibility in Otis, they came driving along Route 23 and saw the old Sears-Groehl house about a mile east of Monterey Center. "That's the house I want," said Joel, even though there was no indication that it might be for sale. They were able to buy it in 1971 and come up weekends, and they moved in year-round in 1974.

In the early days they still had to be in New York about once a week but they have been able to establish their free-lance careers in such a way that now something like ten visits a year keeps them in touch with their publishers. They have realized the dream shared by many visitors to the Berkshires, to have a home here and still earn a living in the outside world.

Their interests center around country living and the creative arts. They have always loved animals, both wild and domestic. At one time they were up to seven cats. Soon after they settled in Monterey, a beautiful Samoyed dog, Willy, came to them through the good offices of a friend; the household now includes four Samoyeds and a Maine Coon cat. Alice enjoys training the dogs (the cat does her own thing). She is active in a number of environmental and animal-related causes.

Joel represents the family in the graphic arts and Morgan in the theater arts. He was directing his family in plays he organized before he could read, and he has spent half his life working

with the Berkshire Public Theatre. He seems destined for theater writing and directing and will be going, this summer, to a theater program in Waltham.

Alice remarked, recently, that when they decided on their house they didn't even know the name of the town it was in. "And now we find we're in the best town in the Berkshires!" She is counting on the reservoir of talent in Monterey to help keep the *News* representative of that excellence.

— David P. McAllester

VOX POST ED

When I look back on the many satisfactions of my four years as editor I especially appreciate the warm support of the town, expressed from far places like California, Florida and even overseas, as well as here at home. This support took many forms: generous financial support, loyal advertising, and especially the contribution of copy of all sorts and labor of all sorts to give our small paper substance. If I start listing all these kinds of support specifically it would take pages. The names on the masthead and the names under contributions in the past forty-eight issues give us a good start on the list. But other names should be added. Walter Parks' unfailing courtesy and helpfulness at the culminating moment of delivery to the post office made each issue a celebration. Eileen Clawson's cheerful accommodation to late copy and her willingness to do typesetting under outrageous pressure of time often made possible the impossible. Anne Marie and Mark Makuc, at the Library, have put the complete run of the *News* on acid-free paper for long-term preservation. Susan McAllester was not just the "photo editor" but also the principal photo-reporter. Her hundreds of images of Monterey doings constitute a photo-ethnography of the town and her sensitive eye for layout gave the *News* its felicitous shape. Nothing is done by one's self in this world, but the pleasures of association in the *Monterey News* community have their own grateful quality.

— David P. McAllester

AND A NOTE FROM THE NEW EDITOR

I am very pleased to be taking on the editorship of the *Monterey News*. The entire staff, and especially David McAllester, our former editor, have smoothed the way and really made the new kid on the block feel welcome. I'm happy to report that my first accomplishment as editor has been to persuade David to stay on as poetry editor. No doubt our regular poetry contributors will be relieved to know that they have not been abandoned by the man they have come to rely on for sensitive guidance and encouragement.

I have the sense that most readers are pretty happy with the *Monterey News* just the way it is. So am I, and that's why you won't be seeing any big changes in the kinds of material we publish. Nevertheless, I would like to extend an invitation to writers and artists old and new to submit their work. If you think you'd like to write, but aren't quite sure what to write about, I have a few ideas you might tackle. Give me a call at 528-3128.

— Alice Schick

SCHOOL COMMITTEE NEWS

For the past seven years, the Mt. Everett staff, district staff, superintendent, School Committee and community have been reviewing the educational process "in search of excellence" for our schools. Parent advisory committees, staff development programs, workshops and conferences with numerous state and national educators are just a few of the ways school improvement has begun.

In 1988, Mt. Everett was chosen as a Carnegie Model School, one of seven schools across the Commonwealth to receive this award. The intention of the Carnegie School Program is to revitalize public schools in Massachusetts by "restructuring them from factory models to professional models." Administrators, staff and the community are encouraged to think creatively about their school's organization. The first year, Carnegie Grant monies were used to plan the restructuring of the programs in Grades 5 through 12. Teams began to look at curriculum, school climate, staff development, programs, decision making, and parent/community involvement. What are the important characteristics of a successful classroom? How can we improve the teaching and learning climate? Are there changes to be made in our curriculum to better prepare students for the 21st century?

Presently, the administration and staff, through the Carnegie Planning Team, are proposing changes in the schedule at the high school level. Instead of an academic course offered 45 minutes per day, each day of the year, students will enroll in two academic courses at a time for a trimester, or six courses per year. Each class will be taught in 110-minute periods. Some of the benefits for such a schedule change include:

1. Better opportunity for offering students higher order thinking/problem solving challenges.
2. A positive change in the relationships between teachers and students as they relate to research, debate, scientific inquiry/and problem solving.
3. The ability to implement some of the instructional techniques that match the research on how children learn best.
4. By design, time for teachers to use strategies toward experiential and project-oriented education.

To learn more about these changes proposed for September, 1991, parents, students, and interested citizens are encouraged to come to Carnegie Night at Mt. Everett on **June 4, 7:00 p.m.**

— Evelyn Vallianos



CHURCH NEWS

Recently, I was leafing through some old files and across a page torn out of a 1978 issue of *Family Circle* magazine. Depicted were four pictures of a single tree photographed each season—summer, autumn, winter and spring. Accompanying the pictures was a brief meditation by Nadine (85 years of age at the time). Reflecting back over the course of her life she wondered what she would do differently if she could relive her life:

If I had my life to live over, I'd dare to make more mistakes next time. I'd relax, I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have been this trip. I would take fewer things seriously. I would take more chances. I would climb more mountains and swim more rivers. I would eat more ice cream and drink more beans. I would perhaps have more actual troubles, but have fewer imaginary ones.

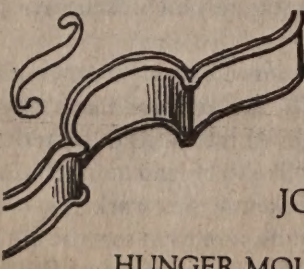
You see, I'm one of those people who live sensibly a sane hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I've had moments, and if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else. Just moments one after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day. I've been one of those persons who never go anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat and a parachute. If I had to do it again, I would travel lighter than I have.

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefoot early in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I would pick more daisies.

At some point or other each of us secretly wishes we had a second chance at life. Unfortunately, the past is history and the future is possibility. I do not know if Nadine Stair is celebrating her 97th year. Never having met the woman in person, I can only surmise that, even at a ripe old age, she has covered the joy of being a child of God who celebrates each moment of life.

So, why not throw away the thermometer, empty the hot water bottle, take off the raincoat and ditch the parachute. Go barefoot this summer! Dance! Ride a merry-go-round. Pick more daisies and celebrate! You are a child of God.

— Cliff



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Entrepreneurs for Kids' Flea Market in Greene Park. Call Eileen Clawson, 528-4835.

Entertainers: To while away the hours from 10 to 4 on Saturday at the Pavilion. Singing, Dancing, Juggling, Storytelling. You name it. Call Donna Bartell, 528-5874.

Entrepreneur: To run the food concession at the Pavilion. Call Milly Walsh, 528-4257.

Staff and Idea People: Last Summer Festival Planning Meetings scheduled for: June 12, June 26, and July 10, 7:00 p.m., Church basement. Monterey Arts Council Meeting, Wednesday, June 20, 7:00 p.m., Church basement.

Next To Last Call For:

Festival Goers: On Friday Evening, July 13, come to hear music by local entertainers.

On Saturday, July 14, start early with the Annual Road Race, stay for the Parade at 10:00 a.m., enjoy arts & crafts & entertainment, kids' games by Camp Half Moon, pony rides, Leona's falafel, Milly's strawberry shortcake, flea markets, bake sales and who knows what else.

On Sunday, July 15, attend the UCC Ecumenical Service at 10:00 a.m.

T-Shirt Connoisseurs: Fabulous 1990 T-shirt, replete with animals and animal alphabet, on sale beginning Memorial Day Weekend.

— Ellen K. Pearson



Monterey Arts Council's MONTEREY SUMMER FESTIVAL 1990 July 14 — 10 am-4 pm

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Children's Health Program parent-child playgroups will be ending for the season during the month of June. Please contact your local playgroup leader for the specific date of the last playgroup meeting. We are seeking women who would like to be trained as playgroup leaders. A training will be held in August. Please call Claudette Callahan at 528-9311 if you are interested.

Families wishing to be added to the monthly newsletter mailing list are asked to call the Children's Health Program. The monthly newsletter advises parents of planned activities for families and presents some parental advice and tips for child-rearing.

The Children's Health Program will take part in the Summerfest sponsored by South Berkshire Hospice on June 16, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. in Great Barrington. We will provide some children's games and will offer for sale our booklet, "Kid's Kure for Kabin Fever," as well as our new project, beads and earring sets. Hope to see you there.

As playgroups will be ending in June, the Children's Health Program will sponsor a large group activity each week in July and August for area families to enjoy.

The Master Garbologist has kindly consented to donate refunds from bottles and cans collected in May, June and July to the Children's Health Program. If you have bottles or cans to donate, please leave them at the Children's Health Program at 54 Castle Street.

It is time for playgroup leaders to make wish lists for equipment for next year. We are seeking a sturdy play stove and sink for use in playgroup. If you wish to donate one or sell at a reasonable price, please call 528-9311.

We plan to go as a group to Forest Park Zoo in Springfield on June 20. If you wish to join us, please meet us at 10:00 a.m. at Children's Health Program. By going as a group, we will be eligible for the group rate. Pre-school child, 40¢, optional train ride, 60¢; adult, \$2.00; child aged 5-12, \$1.40; trainride — 60¢.

— Claudette Callahan

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LAND TRUST NEWS

We thought this poem from the organization "1,000 Friends of Massachusetts" would be of interest to *Monterey New* readers this month.

A VISION

*Oh give me a home where developers roam
But never too far from the fact
That some of their sites are natural delights
And beauty resides on each tract.*

*It's important to know we'll continue to grow
And we surely must do it in style.
We can't go on smugly and not become ugly.
We have to PLAN once in a while.*

*Please give me a city that's more than just pretty—
A park or a vista or steeple;
Besides open spaces we really need places
To house and employ all the people.*

*Now give me a local who's sensibly vocal
And calls for some vision in town,
Who'll help us to measure the things that we treasure:
The jewels in the Commonwealth's crown.*

*Do give me a region where values are legion
And people LIKE working together
To keep us afloat in this one common boat.
It's a question of HOW, not WHETHER.*

*And give me a state where it's never too late
To grab the perverse by the collar
And help them agree, as WE already see,
That sense is one part of a dollar.*

*The failures are haunting, the challenges daunting:
Let's hope that the land is forgiving.
We've plenty of room to eradicate gloom
And substitute quality living.*

*Oh give me consensus on building good fences,
On putting things where they belong.
Perhaps through osmosis we'll create a REAL process
For keeping our Commonwealth strong.*

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FIRE COMPANY NEWS

After holding our price steady for the past several years, increases in food prices have made it necessary to raise the cost of a ticket to our Steak Roast to \$15.00, still the best bargain in town. It will be held on Saturday, July 28. Steak and a complete dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and we are happy to announce that Bev Rohlehr will be coming back again to provide music for dancing immediately following that. Horseshoe pits and swingsets make it the family event for Monterey. Tickets are available now. A fireman will call on you soon. Make sure to get enough for your friends and relatives to support your volunteer fire company.

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange No. 291 met May 2 for a regular meeting. Subordinate Deputy Robert Peck from Pittsfield was present for his official visitation.

There were many favorable comments from the public on our Grange Week display at the local Post Office. The Grange is working with the Park Commission to plant a tree or shrub in town.

Sisters Tillie Butler and Florence Janes recently took part in the degrees at the Umpachene Grange.

The new entrance to the Grange Hall has been completed. The members are very pleased with it.

The Grange met May 16 for a conservation program in charge of Sister Eleanor Kimberley and committee. Sisters Tillie Butler, Mary Wallace, Ann Vickerman and May Clark from Umpachene recently attended Friendship Night at Heart of the Berkshires Grange in Pittsfield and furnished part of the program.

The next meeting will be June 6 for election of officers.

— Mary Wallace, Lecturer

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SWIMMING LESSONS

The Park Commission is once again sponsoring swimming lessons for Monterey residents at the Town Beach. The half-hour classes will take place on July 30 and 31, August 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, according to the following schedule:

Swimmers: 9:00; Intermediate: 9:30; Advanced Beginners: 10:30; Three and Four Year Olds: 11:30. There will also be lifesaving classes and adult classes, with dates to be scheduled later.

Pick up registration blanks from the Monterey Store, the Roadside Store or Fran Amidon. Return them to the Monterey Store. For more information, call Fran (528-1233), Tom (528-9380) or Jim (528-0542).

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SQUARE DANCE—BRINGING RAJEE HOME

There will be a square and contradance on June 8 at the Monterey Firehouse, 8:00 to 11:30 p.m. This is a fund-raiser for Rajee, a six-year old Punjabi girl in India who will be coming to Monterey later this summer, when she is adopted by the Aerie family.

Rajee had polio a year ago and can't walk. Her best chance to recover the use of her legs is to get here quickly and get surgery and physical therapy. The fund-drive and benefit dance are ways of raising money to help out with Rajee's trip home and with her medical care once she gets here.

The dance will be given by Mountain Laurel with Joe Baker calling and will be perfect for beginners, children, spectators, and anyone who likes to dance, with Joe teaching each dance and giving plenty of time for walk-throughs. Donations for the tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Anyone wanting more information on the dance can call Bonner McAllester and Joe Baker at 528-9385. Donations can be sent to: Bringing Rajee Home, PO Box 332, Monterey, MA 01245, with checks made out to "Bringing Rajee Home." Tickets are also available at the Monterey General Store or can be paid for at the dance.

Community members have pitched in to help with planning the dance, putting out a mailing, and making posters. The Monterey Fire Company has generously donated the use of the firehouse on the night of the dance.

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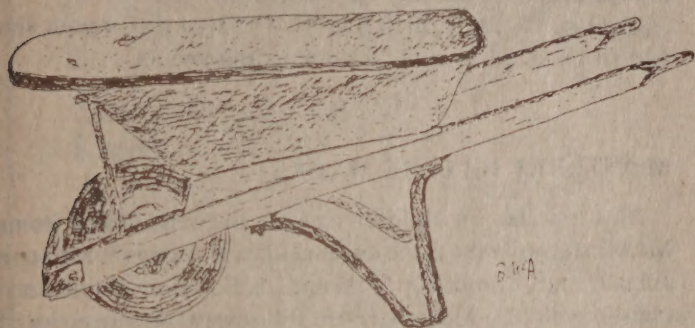
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WOMAN'S WORK

This is the time of year I do my most serious digging and heaving. I use a shovel, a garden fork, a manure fork, buckets, and the wheelbarrow, which is the same old wheelbarrow we bought new for the concrete work on our house foundation 16 years ago. When it was new, we kept it scrupulously clean and dry. We didn't even have a house to live in ourselves, but we built a tool shed for the wheelbarrow. We'd be huddling in our tipi, getting dripped on and moldy, our hair curling in the spring rains, and the wheelbarrow would be dry and gleaming up in the tool shed. We have a house now, and more important things on our minds than ultimate wheelbarrow care. It stays out all summer, and the oak handles are grey and rough, the wood grain raised up by many summers of rain. The body is scratched and rusty, but around the rim you can see it once was blue.



For all my close associations with this vehicle and all the work it has done, I do not love it. It is awkward and heavy and tips over easily. I don't think it is the perfect tool for my work, but it's the best I've got so far. We have a hillside farm, garden, and orchard and many times I wind up carrying compost or rocks or dirt in buckets just because the wheelbarrow is so likely to tip over if it's not positioned just right while being loaded or set down. Then there's the trip back up the hill. Even empty that wheelbarrow is quite heavy.

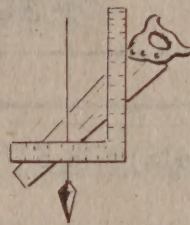
There are other models. I've seen a drawing of a Chinese wheelbarrow which has load-carrying space right beside the wheel, putting the weight on the axle and the ground instead of on the driver's back. But I imagine that this is a flatland vehicle, ready to run away downhill given half a chance. Garden carts are like this. I grumble about my heavy old workhorse of a wheelbarrow, but then I remember that it did fine as a conveyor of concrete and mortar, which is what we bought it for in the first place.

Last month I watched a woman working on a construction site in India and thought about my wheelbarrow. This woman was part of a small crew of workers who were quietly putting up a five-story high-rise building right next to the hotel I stayed in. I had just arrived in India and was feeling disoriented in all the ways you can possibly imagine, including the fact that I was staying in a fancy hotel. I have never stayed in a hotel in the U. S. This one in Delhi was so air-conditioned that I was too chilly in my lightweight clothes, and I was huddled in a little bit of slanting sunlight by the window of my room. I was so technologically out of it that I didn't realize my room had its own set of controls for the air-conditioning.

Out the window, in the serious heat of Delhi in late April, the woman stood while a man scooped wet mortar into a large shallow basket, using a broad mattock. Then he helped her heave it up onto her head and she walked straight and supple, barefoot, across a plank bridge, to tip it into a hopper at the bottom of a shaft. About twenty trips later, another man flipped a switch and the hopper went up to the top floor, where it tipped out its mortar onto a wheeled trolley, which was pushed over to the scaffolding where the masons were facing a wall with sandstone. While the hopper was up, the woman rested, visited with the mattock man. But by the time the empty hopper was down she was back again, with another big basket of wet mortar.

As I watched her work, I thought of my wheelbarrow and masonry work on our house, and my systems seemed gross and inefficient by comparison. Sure, I had my timing down and I rarely spilled a load. But I had no grace. And as I slither down the garden slope behind my overloaded rough and rusty wheelbarrow, barely keeping it from running all the way down to the brook, I still have no grace. I'll get the garden in okay, but I'll never build a high-rise.

— Bonner J. McAllester



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ORGANIC VEGETABLES 43 WEEKS OF THE YEAR

The Indian Line Farm Community Supported Agriculture project in South Egremont has some shares left for this season. The garlic is sprouting, the peas are up, and the greenhouse is bulging. The first harvest will be ready as you read this.

Pick-up points are in Great Barrington, Stockbridge, Lenox and at the farm. Several Monterey families are making arrangements to rotate pick-up on a weekly basis. Weekenders can elect to receive their share Friday evenings.

This year's share, in addition to providing the organic vegetable needs of a family of four, or a vegetarian family of two, will include eggs and homemade bread. Ellen Pearson will also offer shares of turkeys, lamb, ducklings and broilers.

Keep your eyes open for the potato planting potluck for sharers, their families and friends. Children are always welcome, our draft horse Eglatine loves the attention, and a play area is available throughout the season.

Contact Cathy Roth at 528-4134 to sign up for your share and to make Monterey pick-up arrangements.

MONTEREY NATURE WALKS

Nature walks for children ages six to twelve led by Bonner McAllester will take place on Thursday mornings in Monterey, June 21 and 28, and July 5, 19, and 26. For more details and to register, call 528-9385; there are still several openings, but the group is limited to ten.

Partial funding this year comes from the United Church of Christ's Earth Day offering, and from the Monterey Park Commission. The fee for each child, for the five-session course, will be \$10.

BEARTOWN STATE FOREST STAFFING REDUCED

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management has announced that because of the current state fiscal situation, the Division of Forests and Parks seasonal staffing budget has been severely reduced. These reductions in staffing have necessitated the operation of the Beartown State Forest at a custodial level.

As a custodially staffed area, the park will be open to the public, but it will not offer a full range of services. Restrooms may not be open due to the lack of staff to clean them, vehicular access may be restricted and swimming areas may not have lifeguards.

KINDERGARTEN BENEFACTOR

The Monterey Kindergarten would like to thank the mystery person who has been our kind benefactor this year by leaving us gifts on our doorstep. Be assured they have all been put to good use. But we do wish you would come forward and identify yourself. Thank you again.

— Susan, Linda and the Class

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more golden puffs.
Down flies a Goldfinch who
dines on the seeds.
Golden puff now is bird!
Miracle indeed.*

— Mary B. Ward

FLOWER GARDEN IN JUNE

*The large, white, single peonies
With their yarn-dyed yellow centers
Are today broken by the wind and rain
And all the rain that enters.*

*The Coral Bells, so feathery,
Have weakened and fallen awry.
Will they spring back with a bit of sun
Or stay there where they lie?*

*Days ago the garden was bursting.
I exulted at the sight.
The memory may have to solace me.
I won't think of its present plight.*

*But waiting is the Blue Salvia
And pink Veronica that will bloom.
Some Fox Glove would be nice
If I can find the room.*

*Part of the charm of a garden
Is that Nature is really the boss.
You, yourself, have to change and learn.
You can't mend it all with peat moss!*

— Nancy Adams



A DAY IN JUNE

*Flowers lifting their heads to the sky
Cars whistling a tune, going by—
It's June in the mountains and all I can say
Is: "Hey! Oh boy! What a day, what a day!"*

— Sue Moody



DAEDALUS

*As I flew, not too high, not too low,
The sea crashed on the rocks beneath me
Birds flew about me.
The sky was grey,
Dark as death.
The sea,
Rough and raging below
Was anxiously awaiting its food.*

*My son behind me,
Like a ghost in the fog,
Flew up, straight up, to the sun.
The wax from his wings
Fell like my tears.*

*My son plummeted to the sea.
It devoured him quickly
As a wolf devours his prey
Then the sun,
The deadly sun shone out
Red as blood.*

*I cursed the sun
And Helios' name.
I cursed the fates
For cutting his string
Too soon.*

— Morgan Schick

PERSONAL NOTES

Congratulations to **Karen Hayes** and **Christopher Traynor** on their engagement. Karen, daughter of **Arnold** and **Judy Hayes** of Tyringham Road, is now living in Taunton, MA, and Christopher hails from Plimpton, MA. A September wedding is planned. Our best wishes to both of you!

Twin daughters, **Allison Paige** and **Danielle Brooke**, were born to **Dr. and Mrs. Eric Gordon** of Red Bank, New Jersey, on March 27. The twins join one-year-old "big brother" **Evan** at home. Our congratulations to all of them, and to grandparents **Arnold** and **Janet Garber** of Tyringham Road, who are handling it all just fine.

All our best to **Dale** and **Lori Lyman**, whose son, **Zachary Miles**, was born on March 27 in Pittsfield. Congratulations also to proud grandparents **Doug** and **Edith Lyman** of Main Road.

Living in their RV (recreational vehicle), **Ray** and **Mary Ward** spent the month of April in Georgia. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed visits to Stone Mountain, Callaway gardens, and FDR's Little White House in Warm Springs. They claim they did their best to bring spring back with them—don't lose hope—it's coming!

We welcome back also **Arthur** and **Alice Somers** of Tyringham Road, who wintered in Hawaii. They're keeping a rather low profile. We hear Arthur is quite occupied working on the grounds and preparing for some big events to be held at Rock Ridge in June. We're happy to know they're about Monterey again!

Douglas Brown, son of **Maryellen Brown** of Hupi Road, came from Florida for a few days to celebrate his May 6 birthday in Monterey. Doug is a second-year student at the Florida Institute of Technology.

Vikki True of Fairview Road enjoyed a visit to her hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. It was just *after* the Kentucky Derby, but she had a great time visiting family.

Our sincere hopes for a speedy recovery for **Paul Carnese**, who suffered several broken bones after an accident at his home on Lake Garfield. Paul is now recovering from surgery at Fairview Hospital.

Our congratulations to **Morgan Bartell**, whose story, "Not Just Another High Sea Adventure," was recently published in the national magazine *Children's Album*. Morgan, an 8th grader at the Steiner school, is the daughter of **Donna Bartell** of Main Road. Very exciting—keep up the good work, Morgan!

Congratulations to **William Thieriot**, who was one of eight boys selected from the Mt. Everett junior class to attend the American Legion Boys' State, an intense program which provides participants with a practical view of governmental operations. Approximately 800 boys statewide will participate in the program at Bentley College in Waltham from June 16 to 22.

Hats off to those Monterey students named to Mt. Everett's Honor Roll list for the third quarter. They are, in *Grade 12, High Honors*: **Natasha Grotz**; *Gr. 11, Honors*: **William Thieriot**; and in *Grade 9, High Honors*: **Christopher Burkhart**, and *Honors*: **Marta Makuc** and **Michael Ohman**. Also, in *Grade 8, High Honors*: **Erin** and **Meghan Sadlowski**, and *Honors*:

Rachel Rodgers, **Gabe Small** and **Bruce Snow**; and in *Grade 7, High Honors*: **Jason Farrenkoff**, **Paul Makuc** and **Erin Piretti**. Keep up the good work, all of you!

Mt. Everett Regional's combined 7 through 12 band travelled to Virginia Beach in May and played five well-rehearsed selections to a panel of nationally acclaimed music educators. Our congratulations on their winning a *huge* first place trophy in their division. Monterey band members participating were **Jen Brown**, **Christopher Burkhart**, **Jason Farrenkoff**, **Natasha Grotz**, **Anne Marie**, **Marta** and **Paul Makuc**, **Rachel Rodgers** and **Erin** and **Meghan Sadlowski**. After performing, the students also enjoyed a day at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg. Their thanks to all of you who purchased fruit and raffle tickets to help make this rewarding trip possible.

Keep your eye on the Mount Everett Girls Softball Team. They presently have the best league record in the county and have already been assured post-season tournament play. Short-stop **Natasha Grotz** and outfielder **Anne Marie Makuc** are the Monterey connection to the team. Go for it, girls!

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Cora Jay Baker** on May 2, to **Eoin Higgins** on May 8, to **Tarsi Dunlop** on May 9, to **Deirdre Higgins** on May 22, to **A. Wallace Tryon** on May 30 (apologies—we had the wrong date last issue), to **John Higgins** on June 16, to **Pam Gauthier** on June 19, and to **Colm Higgins** and **Eileen Clawson** on June 28.

Please share your news items! Simply jot them down and drop them at the General Store, or give me a call evenings at 528-4519. Appreciate your contributions!

— Stephanie Grotz

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CALENDAR

Friday, June 8—Bringing Rajee Home, a square and contra-dance to raise money for Rajee. See article on page 8. 8:00-11:30 p.m. in the Monterey Firehouse. Music by Mountain Laurel, calling by Joe Baker, refreshments by community members. Admission (donations): \$10 adults; \$5 children under 12. Tickets available at the Monterey General Store and at the dance. Information: 528-9385.

Saturday, June 9—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, \$4, Children, \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

Tuesday, June 12—Prayer Breakfast at Alice Howell's house. 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 13—Community Dinner, 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement. Everyone welcome. Bring a dish to share. The program will be music by the October Mountain band.

Thursday, June 14—Sustainable Pot Luck Supper. 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Sheffield. The Berkshire Regional Food and Land Council invites all groups involved in food, water, air and land issues in northwest Connecticut and south Berkshire County to get to know each other, plan ways to work together and commit ourselves to the sustainability of the region. We look to a future that is ecologically sound, economically viable, socially just and humane.

A videotape, briefly describing each group and its activities, will be made. This tape will be distributed to civic groups, schools, and other organizations to provide basic information about the environmental resources available in the region. Last but not least, the first known regional rap song will be performed with the help of two Monterey locals!

A \$3 donation covers the cost of beverages, etc. Come at 6:00 if you need to use oven. Call 448-8285 for more information. Public welcome to attend. No pre-registration needed.

Friday, June 15—Historical Society meeting, 8:00 p.m. in the General Knox Museum at the library. The speaker will be Shirley Clute, Executive Director of The Bidwell House.

Saturday, June 16—Republican Town Committee Meeting. 1:00 p.m. at the Firehouse. The Committee will hold biennial elections and make plans for the election year. Any Republican interested in being on the Committee or an officer for the coming two years should contact Mark Makuc at 528-1382.

Wednesday, June 20—Monterey Arts Council Meeting. 7:00 p.m. in the Church basement.

Thursday, June 21—Friends of Silence meditation at Alice Howell's house. 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 23—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have done it before. Joe Baker calling, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission: \$4. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

Sunday, June 24—Six-Mile Walk to benefit Earthwatch, an organization dedicated to improving the environment. 10 a.m. Organized by guests at Gould Farm. Anyone interested in being a sponsor or in participating in the walk can find sign-up sheets and more information at the Roadside Store.

Saturday, June 30—Lake Garfield Association meeting at the Dam on Beartown Road. 10 a.m. The Lake Management committee will report on the recently completed lake study by Associated Environmental Scientists, Inc. There will also be an election of officers for the coming year. All interested parties are urged to attend this important meeting (and bring your own chair).

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July 17-28: *Breaking Legs*
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